

Proposal for an Exploratory Trip

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Purpose Carry out a dialogue between the PUP Consortium and a heritage site stakeholder community to determine the feasibility of establishing a cooperative relationship to launch a planning process or similar effort

- Objectives**
- Mutually express interests and needs of each side
 - Evaluate actual relations and determine the potential of working together
 - Establish a culture of cooperation, dialogue, and equitably shared work
 - Initiate a work process with the constituent community in anticipation of a planning or similar project
 - Decide on whether to work together; and if yes, then determine the goals of the proposed project

Product If both sides agree to work together, there are various potential projects they could pursue: from a complete public use planning process to much shorter interpretation training, designing a visitor center, mediate a conflict, strategic planning, interpretive planning, etc. depending on site needs and PUP capabilities.

Financing Co-financing. The Consortium donates time and local expenses at originating country and the site pays one airplane ticket, local expenses, and coordinates local logistics. Both sides co-write the report if the decision is yes. The visit lasts 2–3 days.

Donor financed. A donor may cover the expenses, but the site still manages the local logistics. The Consortium stays for 4 days and writes a site assessment report that the site can use with the Consortium or for some other purpose. The additional day, compared to the co-financing, is for additional participatory community research.

Logistics The site coordinates the local transportation, food, and housing. It sets up the meetings and invites the participants. Ideally, various community members contribute as well PUP always sends a minimum of two people, one of which usually resides in the country and the other is international.

- Where we have done trips**
- 2010 Durmitor National Park, Montenegro. World Heritage. Financed by UNESCO.
 - 2013 Phong Nha Ke Bang National Park, Vietnam. World Heritage. Financed by KfW/Germany.
 - 2014 Archeological Park Piedras de Tunjo, Colombia. Municipal park. Co-financed.

Generic itinerary

Day	1 Analyze principal manager / Site visit	2 Participatory community assessment *	3 Community dialogue	4 Decision / Work planning
AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUP team arrives • Meet primary actors • Visit heritage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out rapid (rural) participatory assessment of community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present PUP to the community • Dialogue with Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both sides negotiate and decide • Work plan (if yes)
PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview primary actors • Organizational self-analysis with Integral Map • Share examples of kinds of possible change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the assessment • Create a participatory site systems model 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the dialogue with primary actors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flex time • Prepare report • Depart

*Day 2 (grey) occurs only with donor financing. Co-financed trips are 3 days long.

Note that this itinerary is generic and would be modified for the circumstances of every site. The number of days may change as well as activities. Overall, though, remember that this is not a conventional site assessment that evaluates threats, public use resources, etc. These can be assessed once planning begins. The team, which has done its homework, gets a feel for the site and how feasible it would be to work together with its constituent community. The trip has been called alternatively a “feasibility trip” and “relationship assessment.”

Next step If no financing, both sides seek funding together. If it already exists, they sign agreements and work plans.